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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING IS AN EXCERPT
FROM DEPARTMENT'S PRESS BRIEFING OF FEBRUARY 22, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. I HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER MATTERS I WOULD LIKE
TO RAISE HERE. THERE IS A PUBLISHED REPORT TODAY THAT
A REPRESENTATIVE OF ARAMCO SAID THAT IN AUGUST 1973 KING
FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA SAID THERE WOULD BE ANOTHER WAR
WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND THEY WOULD HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT
TO USE OIL AS A WEAPON, AND HIS WARNINGS WENT UNHEEDED.
WAS SUCH A REPORT RECEIVED BY THE UNITED STATES?

A. WELL, YOU KNOW, THIS WHOLE QUESTION OF WHAT WE KNEW
ABOUT THE COMBATANTS' CAPABILITIES AND THEIR INTENTIONS
HAS BEEN PRETTY EXHAUSTIVELY GONE OVER BY THE SECRETARY OF
STATE SEVERAL TIMES. SO I AM A LITTLE CONFUSED THAT THIS
SORT OF THING CAN BE REVIVED HERE ALL OVER AGAIN.

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Q. WELL, PERHAPS THE REASON IT HAS BEEN REVIVED IS THIS IS A MUCH MORE PRECISE CLAIM THAN HAS EVER BEEN MADE BEFORE ON THE RECORD HERE, IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC TIME FACTOR, FOR THE OUTBREAK OF ARAB-ISRAELI HOSTILITIES, AND ALSO FOR A SPECIFIC WARNING ALLEGED HERE THE ARAB NATIONS WOULD USE OIL AS A WEAPON. SO THIS IS A MUCH MORE EXPLICIT ACCUSATION, AND UNHEEDED WARNING, THAN THE ONES WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH PREVIOUSLY.

A. WELL--UNHEEDED WARNINGS. YOU KNOW, WE SPENT THE WHOLE SUMMER SIFTING INDICATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS AND THAT SORT OF THING. WE WERE NEVER UNDER ANY ILLUSION THAT THE NATURE OF THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST WASN'T EXPLOSIVE. AND HOW IN HINDSIGHT NOW SOMEBODY CAN SAY, "WELL, WE REALLY KNEW ALL ALONG..." THIS WHOLE PROPOSITION HAS BEEN, I THINK, PRETTY THOROUGHLY ADDRESSED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. END QUOTE.

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